

HOUSE BILL 874

By Terry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36
and Title 37, relative to child placement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-403(d), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (d)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(2) At any time before or after a child is placed with a relative by the court, any interested person may file a petition, in writing and under oath, objecting to the child's placement. If, following a hearing on the petition, the court finds that the relative is not fit and willing, the placement does not provide for the safety of the child, or the placement is not in the best interest of the child, then the court may order the department to submit a new permanency plan pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.